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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A materials storage chest system comprising:
a lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of construction articles;
a door defined at least partially along a longitudinal length of said storage chest that selectively dispenses a desired quantity of construction articles from said plurality of construction articles;
a temporary storage portion adjacent to said door that holds said desired quantity of construction articles; and
a controller that selectively actuates the door in response to an employee identification.
2. (CANCELED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 21, wherein said controller receives a numerical value to actuate the material dispensing opening to dispense a quantity of material equivalent to said numerical value.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 3, wherein said numerical value is limited to a predetermined quantity.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a communication system which communicates data from said controller to a remote location.
- 6.-7. (CANCELLED)

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8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest is water resistant.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said temporary storage portion comprises a materials receiving basket.

10.-18. (CANCELLED)

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said temporary storage portion is accessible to an operator for retrieving said desired quantity of construction articles.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said temporary storage portion holds said desired quantity of construction articles before said desired quantity of construction articles are removed from said temporary storage portion.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest includes a top-loading door.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest includes a side-loading door.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of second construction articles that are different from said plurality of construction articles.

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24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 23, wherein said second lockable storage chest includes a side-loading door.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said desired quantity of construction articles includes multiple construction articles.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a controller that selectively actuates said door to dispense said desired quantity of construction articles.

27.-34. (WITHDRAWN)

35. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said employee identification comprises an employee number.

36. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said employee identification comprises a number associated with a task of an employee.

37. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 23, wherein said plurality of construction articles comprise articles having a first size and said second plurality of construction articles comprise articles having a second size that is different from said first size.

38. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest includes a first side and a second side different from said first side, said first side including a lockable loading door and said second side including said door to dispense said desired quantity of construction articles.

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39. (NEW) A materials storage chest system comprising:

a first lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of first construction articles;

a second lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of second construction articles that are different than said plurality of first construction articles, wherein each of said first lockable storage chest and said second lockable storage chest include a rotating door defined at least

partially along a longitudinal length that dispenses a desired quantity of construction articles from said plurality of first construction articles and plurality of second construction articles; and

a controller that selectively actuates said rotating door in response to an employee identification.

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